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WINTER WHEAT PRODUCTION DECREASED FROM LAST YEAR

WYOMING: Final estimates of the season for small grain production indicate larger crops in 2011 for oats and barley according to Steve Gunn with the Wyoming Field Office of USDA NASS. Compared with last year, production of winter wheat was down 5 percent, and oats were up 4 percent. Harvested acreage increased from last year for barley and oats. Average yields were down for oats and barley compared to last year.

Winter wheat production in 2011 is estimated at 4.42 million bushels, down 5 percent from 2010 but up 12 percent from 2009. The estimated yield of 34 bushels per acre is up 2 bushels from last year but down 4 bushels per acre from 2009. There were 130,000 acres harvested, down 15,000 acres from 2010 and down 2,000 acres from 2009.

Barley production during 2011 totaled 6.11 million bushels, up 1 percent from last year and down 9 percent from 2010. The harvested acreage increased to 63,000 acres, up 1,000 acres from last year and down 1,000 acres from 2009. Yields averaged 97 bushels per harvested acre, down 1 bushel per acre from last year and down 8 bushels per acre from the 2009 yield.

Oats production is estimated at 572,000 bushels, up 4 percent from 2010, and down 6 percent from 2009. The average yield, at 52 bushels per acre, was down from last year, and down 9 bushels in 2009. There were 30,000 acres of oats planted this year, down 4,000 acres from 2010 and down 10,000 acres from 2009. There were 11,000 acres harvested, up 2,000 acres from 2010, and up 1,000 acres from 2009.

UNITED STATES: All wheat production totaled 2.01 billion bushels in 2011, down 9 percent from 2010. Grain area totaled 45.7 million acres, down 4 percent from the previous year. The United States yield is 43.9 bushels per acre, down 2.4 bushels from the previous year's record high but still ranks as the fifth highest on record. The levels of production and changes from 2010 by type are winter wheat, 1.49 billion bushels, up 1 percent; other spring wheat, 462 million bushels, down 25 percent; Durum wheat, 51.9 million bushels, down 51 percent.

Oat production is estimated at a record low 54.0 million bushels, down 33 percent from 2010. Yield is estimated at 57.5 bushels per acre, down 6.8 bushels from the previous year. Harvested area, at 940 thousand acres, is 26 percent below last year. This is the smallest acreage harvested for grain on record, surpassing the previous record low set in 2010.

Barley production is estimated at 155 million bushels, down 14 percent from 2010, and the lowest since 1936. Average yield per acre, at 69.2 bushels, is down 3.9 bushels from the previous year. Producers seeded 2.56 million acres in 2011, down 11 percent from last year. This is the lowest planted acreage on record. Harvested area, at 2.24 million acres, is down 9 percent from 2010, and the lowest level since 1881.